

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/20/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-7, 14, 15, 18, 19 (renumbered as 1-8).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/27/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to the amendment filed 8/20/2007. After a search and thorough examination of the present application and in light of the prior art made of record, claims 4-7,14,15,18,19(renumbered as 1-8) are allowed.

Reason for allowance

2. The prior art made of record does not teach or fairly suggest A method of searching a document having nested-structure document-specific markup, the method comprising: receiving a query that designates at least (A) a phrase to be matched in a phrase matching process, and (B) a selective designation of at least a tag or annotation that is to be ignored during the phrase matching process; deriving query-specific indices based on query-independent indices that were created specific to each document, wherein the step of deriving the query- specific indices includes forming at least one of a group including: an index of each word in the phrase to be matched by the phrase matching process; an index of context tags that may be found in the document; and an index of at least a tag or annotation to be ignored during the phrase matching process, wherein the query-independent indices were created by a method including: a) labeling elements in the document with intervals, wherein: a1) for markup tags. the intervals are defined in terms of a starting index number associated with an opening markup tag and an ending index number associated with a closing markup tag that corresponds to the opening markup tag, and a2) for single words, the intervals are defined in terms of a single index number associated with the word and b) forming the query-independent indices so that they are configured to be used in

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the searching method by first receiving, for a word or tag in the document, a position in the document, and by then indicating that the word or tag is present or not present at that position wherein the step of deriving the query-specific indices involves deriving ,the query-specific indices from the query-independent indices without rebuilding any of the query-independent indices; and carrying out the phrase matching process using the query-specific indices on the document having the nested-structure document-specific markup.


Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leon J. Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-0759. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 4:00Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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